

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Supporting Students in Recovery: Recovery Housing and/or Recovery Supports to Prevent and Reduce Substance Abuse on College Campuses in New Jersey

TAKE NOTICE that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the grant program funds described herein.

Program Name: Supporting Students in Recovery: Recovery Housing and/or Recovery Supports to Prevent and Reduce Substance Abuse on College Campuses in New Jersey

Purpose: The New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) for Supporting Students in Recovery to provide supportive, substance-free living environments and services for college students in recovery. The total amount of funds available through this RFP is \$1,375,000. DMHAS will make five awards (each not to exceed \$275,000) to two or four year public institutions of higher education to provide recovery housing and/or recovery support services. This RFP does not support capital costs. However, it is permissible to budget funds for general maintenance (e.g. interior painting) on existing assets to be dedicated exclusively for recovery housing and/or recovery support services.

Institutions that already have designated housing for students in recovery may still apply for funding recovery programs and related services. Each college or university awardee will be required to provide individual and group substance abuse recovery-oriented programs and services, implement environmental prevention strategies, provide assessment, academic, and personal counseling services to students, and other appropriate services. Note that designated recovery housing may include a dorm, floor, wing or other area within an existing residential building or other student housing and does not require that an entire dormitory be substance-free. Project oversight will be provided by the DMHAS. The funding available is one-time only and not renewable.

This RFP is funded through the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR) grant supplemental funding. The SOR grant period is September 30, 2018 to September 29, 2020.

Available Funding Amount: Total annualized funding is \$1,375,000 subject to Federal appropriations.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: Bidders that may apply must meet the following eligibility criteria.

1. The bidder must be a State recognized accredited two or four year public institution of higher learning in New Jersey;
2. The bidder did not receive previous funding for recovery support services/housing from DMHAS;
3. The bidder must be a fiscally viable public college or university;
4. The bidder must comply with all rules and regulations for any DMHAS program element of service proposed by the bidder;
5. For a bidder that has a contract with DMHAS in place when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to submission;
6. The bidder must be fiscally viable based upon an assessment of the bidder's audited financial statements. If a bidder is determined, in DMHAS' sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve (12) months after bid submission, DMHAS will deem the proposal ineligible for contract award;
7. The bidder must not appear on the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/debarred/debarsearch.htm> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds; and
8. The bidder shall not employ a member of the Board of Directors as an employee or in a consultant capacity.

Proposal Procedure: Effective October 3, 2019, the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/>. A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

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Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on October 31, 2019.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before November 20, 2019.


Carole Johnson, Commissioner


Date